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Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I know whether Government have taken the advice of their Legal Adviser before answering this question ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " No, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether he is aware that Mr. Venkatappayya has all along been a man of peace and that it has been his creed ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I do not know, Sir."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" Is it true that the Assistant Commissioner of Police has been rewarded by the appointment of Superintendent of Police ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I am not aware of it, Sir."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know whether he has not been appointed Deputy Superintendent of Police ? Is it true ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I want notice."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member, in view of the answer that he gave to Mr. Harisarvottama Rao that he does not know the antecedents of Mr. Venkatappayya, whether the Government will be pleased to make enquiries ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " There is no necessity for such an enquiry."

Alleged detention of Mr. N. Somayajulu at Tuticorin.

* 1710 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. N. Somayajulu has been arrested and kept in jail without any warrant by the Police at Tuticorin while he was starting for Madras to attend the Simon Boycott demonstration;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he is still confined in jail without being informed of the case or charge against him ;

(*c*) whether the Government have given any instructions in this matter ; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to take any action against the Police officials concerned for the action taken by them ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The Government await the information called for in respect of clauses (*a*) and (*b*).

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether such detention was resorted to by the Police in other districts as in North Arcot ? "

The hon. the President :—" How is that relevant as a supplementary question to the answer given now ? "

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Mr T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"The Government say that no instruction was issued, but how is it that simulteneously in several districts similar action was taken by the Police ?"

The hon. the President :—"That does not arise as a supplementary question."

Floods

Alleged obstruction of the flow of water in Thandava river by the anicuts constructed by the Godey estate.

*1711 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the high flood in Tuni is mostly due to the obstruction of the flow of water through the bridge on the Thandava river on account of the two anicuts constructed by the Godey estate ;

(b) whether one of the anicuts was constructed within a distance of four furlongs from the bridge ; and whether the second was constructed within a year at a distance of one furlong from the bridge ;

(c) whether the said anicuts were constructed with a view to secure supply to an irrigation channel by the Godey estate ;

(d) whether the construction of the anicuts resulted in the accumulation of sand near the bridge and consequent heading up of water ; and

(e) what steps the Government propose to take with a view to improve the conditions ?

A.—(a) No. The floods were the direct result of abnormal rain in the Agency.

(b) One of the anicuts was constructed within a distance of four furlongs from the bridge, about ten years ago, and the second in 1927 at a distance of one furlong from the bridge.

(c) The anicuts were constructed with a view to supply water to two irrigation channels. The one nearer to the bridge irrigates seven villages in Vizagapatam district (Godey estate) and two in East Godavari district (Tuni estate). The second channel irrigates nine villages of the Vizagapatam district.

(d) The anicut immediately below the bridge has raised the rear flood level to a slight extent. The effect of the other is inappreciable.

(e) The Government have referred to the Chief Engineer the question whether any action can be taken to prevent or minimize the effects of floods in the river.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—"With regard to the answer to clause (e) of the question, may I know if the Chief Engineer has submitted his report and, if so, whether it would be placed on the table of this House ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"His report has not been submitted to Government."